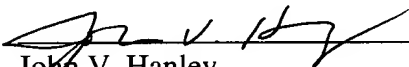


REMARKS

By this paper, independent claims 1 and 21 have been amended to more clearly distinguish the claims from the cited art. As such, it is believed that each of the examined claims are now allowable.

Respectfully submitted,

FULWIDER PATTON LEE & UTECHT, LLP


John V. Hanley
Registration No. 38,171

JVH/kst
Fulwider Patton Lee & Utecht, LLP
Howard Hughes Center
6060 Center Drive, Tenth Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90045
Telephone: (310) 824-5555
Fax: (310) 824-9696
39523.1